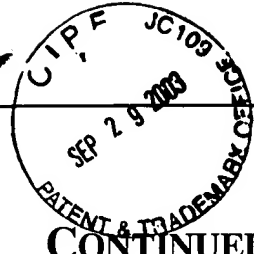


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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/980,712
Confirmation Number	7134
Filing Date	December 05, 2001
First Named Inventor	Kazuo HIRAGUCHI
Group Art Unit	3728
Examiner Name	Luan Kim BUI
Matter Number	Q67023
Title	STORAGE CASE FOR STORING MAGNETIC TAPE CASSETTE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

## 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
  - i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
previously filed on August 28, 2003
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
  - iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
  - v. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a  
period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all  
required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any  
overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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## SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

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Signature <u><i>John J. Dresch</i></u>	Date <u>September 29, 2003</u>